

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING

RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE

Monday, June 29, 2009

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2009 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by League President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all 12 teams present.

The minutes from the March 16, 2009 Tomahawk East scheduling meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. Motion by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark to accept the minutes from March 16, 2009. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget with a balance of \$666.39 reported. Motion by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2nd by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron Seidl brought up some recent news from the MBA.

Playoff dates for the Tomahawk East League were set. The first and only round of league playoffs will be a best of three series featuring the #1 seeds vs. the #4 seeds and the #2 seeds vs. the #3 seeds in the American, National and Patriot Divisions of the Tomahawk East League. Games of each series will be held Friday, July 31, Sunday, August 2, and Tuesday, August 4 if necessary. The higher seed in each series will host Games 1 and 3, the lower seed will host Game 2 unless another arrangement is made between the two teams. The six winners of these playoff series will advance to regional play. A one game playoff to determine the champion from each of the three divisions will be held on Wednesday, August 5. The higher seed in each of these three divisions will host. These championship games will determine seeding positions and drafting rights for the regional playoffs. The teams advancing to regions will draft two batterymen alternately within their own divisions beginning with the champion. In case of rain on the 5th, the game will be moved to Thursday, August 6. A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to accept this playoff format. Motion carried.

A short discussion ensued about the umpiring in the Tomahawk East League. About the only issue that came up was that a couple of games were played with one umpire when one of the umpires failed to show up. Overall, however, the umpiring has been satisfactory in most cases.

President Myron Seidl then asked the teams if and when certain games were going to be made up to make sure we don't have any problems bunching up games at the end of the year. He also reminded teams to contact him within 48 hours after a postponement with a make-up date.

Procedures for rain delays were also brought up after a recent rainout between Searles and Stark. There was some concern that things perhaps weren't conducted according to Official Baseball Rules. This issue will be addressed at the annual meeting in January, 2010.

Discussion was held on this year's All Star Game in Gibbon on Sunday, July 5, 2009, between the two divisions that would have existed in 2009 had the League not voted to go to three divisions. Jake Jenniges from Lamberton will manage the American Division All Stars and John Branstad from St. James will manage the National Division All Stars. Each team will be guaranteed one player on the roster. After that, the balance of the 20 man rosters and assistant coaches will be determined by Jake and John. Admission will be determined and kept by Gibbon Baseball Association.

Final team rosters were presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Leon Hillesheim of Leavenworth, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to approve the final roster submissions of all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer